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BOLSHEVIKI PROPAGANDA

WHEN THE French revolution gave birth to the French nation, the people of Europe, except in England, were a group without national spirit and without civic rights. There were kings and nobles, but there were no people in the modern sense of the word. The spirit of European nationality was born when Frenchmen overthrew their despots.

The Bolshevik revolution is strikingly like the French revolution. It was directed against a despotism that was own brother to the French system prevailing in the time of Louis Fourteenth.

The French revolution was, however, largely conducted by the middle class, merchants, lawyers, doctors and the like, intelligent people of small means, but reasonably prosperous.

The Russian revolution is a working class revolution, which became possible because of the greater diffusion of education.

It may turn out in the end that the Bolshevik revolution is more dangerous to the power of the German despots than the Russian army was.

Allowing for false reports and deceptions of various kinds, it is undeniably true that the Bolshevik spirit is spreading among the working classes of Europe, and especially among the working classes of the Central Powers, who live under a more archaic form of government than the workers of England and France do.

The Kaiser hasn't felt safe since the Bolsheviks demonstrated to Europe that a army raised from the body of the people may refuse to turn its guns against the people.

The Kaiser knows that his own soldiers may at any moment refuse to carry on. When they do, the day of the Hohenzollern is done.

WAR RALLIES

EVERY TOWN in Fairfield county will soon have its war rally. Some towns will have several. There will be speakers, to explain the war, and its issues. Congregational singing will be a feature of these meetings. This will let everybody into the spirit of the thing. Democracies cannot carry on war without congregational effort. But successful war must be carried on by specialists, every person doing the thing he can do best.

It is natural to desire to sing. But the mere desire to do a thing is not in itself sufficient to warrant giving the task to a person. The custodian of a task ought to know how to do it.

The choir is an improvement on congregational singing. The choir represents those who have desired so much to sing that they have been willing to learn how.

Perhaps one of the weaknesses of a democracy, at the opening of a war, is a too general belief that any body can perform any task.

This accounts for Col. Roosevelt and Senator Chamberlain, who want to conduct the war along congregational lines. It can't be done. The management of the war must remain in the hands of those to whom the people have confided it. They will pick, as best they may, the specialists needed in the multi-form branches of war endeavors.

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HIGH TAX RATE

IF THERE was anybody in Bridgeport who did not know months ago that the grand list would be inordinately increased, and that his taxes would be more, he has been singularly busy with his own affairs. City Hall has put out a certain product for some years. It is doing business under the same management at the old stand, and deals in the line of goods that made it prosper. The more money to spend, the more places to fill, and the more votes for the machine. A gentleman familiar with finance recently said of somebody, "He was the only man I ever knew who would rob himself." The rest of Connecticut sees Bridgeport in that light. It is the only city they know that habitually robs itself.

WOMEN SWINDLERS

IT IS GOOD for the world that women so seldom enter the paths of frenzied finance. When a woman makes up her mind to strip confiding people of their wealth, she does it more successfully than the average male swindler. The Bridgeport lady, described in The Times and Farmer, yesterday, had little difficulty in getting what she needed, not because her scheme was clever, but because almost nobody thinks of a well dressed woman as a probable swindler.

HOARDING COAL

THE BOSTON labor leader who has discovered the New Haven road hoarding coal, would perform a further service if he could prove that the New Haven is hoarding ability. Very little of the latter commodity has been manifested in the conduct of the New Haven lines. The public must suppose either that the managers have no ability, or that they are saving it for a rainy day.

Perhaps the government can unhoard the coal and let loose the stored ability.

WHAT HUN VICTORY WOULD MEAN

(Contributed by ARTHUR TRAIN to the National Security League's campaign of Patriotism Through Education.)

A German victory—or an inconclusive peace—would mean the ultimate realization of the German idea that Germany for the good of the world must rule the world. This has been taught in her universities as philosophy and in her pulpits as religion. The German nation unquestioningly accepts it and intends to force the rest of the world to accept it. This they call "Kultur" which they claim is "above morality, reason, and science."

Kultur teaches that there is only one sort of right—that of the stronger. It argues with specious profundity that in the relations of nations with one another there can be no such thing as truth or honor. Frederick the Great taught that the Germans must make it their "study to deceive others in order to get the better of them." Frederick William IV, seventy years ago said, that all written constitutions were only "scraps of paper," and Bethmann-Hollweg in 1914, referred to the Hague Convention in the identical words. The "scrap of paper" idea is an old one in German diplomacy.

The Germans believe themselves to be a nation of supermen and the Kaiser the war-partner—not of the God of Humanity—but the "guter alter Gott" of the Pagan North—the War God—who revels in the shrieks of women and the torture of children, in bloodshed and cruelty. "I am his sword, his agent!" declares William Hohepsollern. "Let all the enemies of the German people perish! God demands their destruction—God, who by my mouth, bids you do his will!"

To accomplish this "divine" will the German military authorities believe that any means are justifiable—the mowing down of crowds of helpless civilians with machine guns, the cutting off of the breasts of women, the battering in of the skulls of the wounded with rifle butts. "Be as terrible as Atilla's Huns!" ordered the Kaiser. "It is better to let a hundred women belonging to the enemy die of hunger than to let a single German soldier suffer." "All prisoners are to be put to death" ordered General Stenger, in Belgium. Writes a Bavarian private: "During the battle of Budonwiller I did away with four women and seven young girls in five minutes. The captain told me to shoot these French sows, but I preferred to run my bayonet through them."

This is the concrete result of what the Germans call "The Religion of Valor" and "The Gospel of Hate." Says one of their spokesmen: "Must Kultur build its cathedrals on hills of corpses, seas of tears and the death rattle of the vanquished? Yes, it must."

If Germany wins the war the United States will either be paying tribute to the Kaiser or German soldiers will be bayoneting American girls and women in Jersey City rather than to take the trouble to shoot them.

If Germany wins, all our ideals of truth, justice and humanity—which we call Christian—will be trodden down into bloody mire under the iron heel of the Kaiser's armies, and the coming generation will be taught that there is no God but the merciless God of Battle who speaks through Germany's treacherous tongue and by her brutal sword.

LIBERTY BOND LESSONS

By HOWARD SPEER
Of Hinks Bros. & Co.

LESSON NO. 31

PROPERTY POOR

Financing big business is a never-ending puzzle to most of us. We read about this telephone company, or that railroad corporation, or some big manufacturing plant making huge sums of money. Then about a week later we see in the same paper that one of these same companies is borrowing ten million dollars. And it's hard to understand why the latter step should be necessary if the former statement was true.

Now that we have devoted several lessons to showing how big and strong and wealthy this country is, you may be wondering why in the world it should have to borrow so much money, even though it is war-time borrowing. If the country is so well off why not use some of the accumulated wealth instead of borrowing?

Well, of course, that is just what Uncle Sam is doing, but you must never lose sight of the fact that the property in the country belongs to the one hundred million citizens.

Those citizens elect a relatively small group from among themselves to carry on the business of running the government, but they do not give them the right to take their property for government purposes. In fact, one of the most sacred provisions of our constitution is that private property may not be confiscated or in any way taken over without fair payment being made.

So while the country is enormously wealthy the wealth can not be used

except by the consent of the individuals who own it. There is your main reason, therefore, for government borrowing instead of just taking.

Now when you look around about you at all this wealth that we have been talking about you see that it is divided up into two main classes.

The first class consists of homes, factories, stores, banks, farms, railroads, machinery, jewelry, clothing, etc.—in short, all the forms of wealth except money.

The second class is just money itself.

You will probably be amazed to learn how very much more there is of the first kind of wealth than of the second. Out of that two hundred and fifty billion dollars worth of wealth that we have just about last time only about five and one-half billion dollars are in actual money. The rest is in those other forms of wealth.

Well, then, when the government enters upon a war it must have vast quantities of food, clothing, guns, ammunition, etc. And when it wants to raise funds to buy these things it can't use a store nor a factory, nor a farm. It must have money and the money is in our individual hands in a very limited amount as compared with those other things.

In other words, at such a time and when money is needed in such vast quantities, this great country, rich as it is, is after a fashion in that particular financial state that we call "property-poor."

"Property-poor" describes the man who is loaded up with real estate and not enough money to run it. Now that isn't quite a fair description of this country's affairs at present. But it is near enough to help you understand the peculiar conditions which confront a great nation in time of war and which make it absolutely necessary for each of us to take the whole matter very seriously, and to do everything which we can do individually to help.

Next time we shall try to show you what all this has to do with Liberty Bonds—both those which have already been issued and those which are to come.

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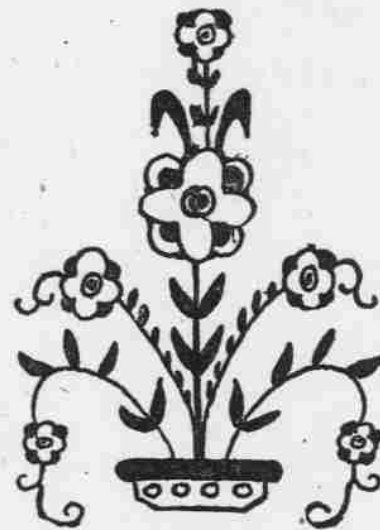
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A very dependable stocking, 59 cts

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EDWARD R. PERRY WILL SPEAK HERE

Edward Russell Perry, of New York city, will speak at 3:30 in the new gymnasium of the Young Men's Christian Association, to men, Sunday afternoon, on the subject, "The Lesson of the Hour." Miss Esther Berg, one of the most popular and finest singers in the city, will be the soloist for the afternoon. All men over 18 years of age are invited to these popular meetings for men.

Mr. Perry interprets the most important question of this generation and with vital human interest, the glow of an engaging personality, and a skill few can equal. The past 10 years he has taken an active part in the anti-graft campaign in New York, and his services are eagerly sought and commended by some of the most prominent men in the country. He is a member of a number of research organizations and of the Academy of Political Science in the city of New York.

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REJECTIONS FOR SLIGHT DEFECTS ORDERED HALTED

Washington, Feb. 1.—Changes in physical requirements for men of the National Army, by which thousands who have been or would be rejected under the first regulations can now be accepted for service, were announced yesterday by Provost Marshal-General Crowder.

Physical defects that can be remedied and make the men fit for service will be remedied, or the men put into some special work not so rigorous as trench fighting, Gen. Crowder says.

Height and weight requirements are both lowered and increased. Flat foot or club and claw foot and several foot troubles no longer are causes for rejection and local boards are ordered to "reject no foot cases."

Changes for rejections for eye and ear defects are greatly lessened, dental requirements modified, hernia and similar troubles must be very serious

to win rejection; adenoids and enlarged tonsils will be no cause for exemption.

The minimum height is lowered from 61 to 58 inches by the new regulations. The old regulations placed the height limit at 6 feet 3 inches, but the new orders provide that men above 6 feet 6 inches may be accepted if well proportioned.

The weight minimum is lowered from 110 to 100 pounds. Spinal troubles must interfere seriously with weight bearing powers to reject.

Only complete deafness will cause exemption. Color blindness will not. Six good teeth in each jaw will pass a man.

DRAFTESSES GET NOTICE

Notices continue to be sent to draft registrants of the second, third, fourth and fifth division local boards to appear for physical examinations at the High School, Lyon terrace, starting at 3 o'clock Sunday morning. Boards one and six are completing their classification work and it is expected they will issue a call some time next week.

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